GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Commercial Taxes Department – Public Servants – Commercial Taxes Department – Surprise Check conducted over the Boarder Check Post of Commercial Tax Department, Pondugula, Dachepalli mandal, Guntur District on 15.03.2016 – Allegations of Corruption - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri M. Rambabu, Deputy Commissioner (CT), Guntur –II Division (now retired) and Smt. G. Manjula Rani, formerly CTO, Piduguralla Circle - Inquiry Authority appointed - Enquiry report submitted -Enquiry report communicated under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CCA) Rules 1991 – explanation submitted – Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.596 Dated:28-09-2021

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB, C.No.80/DES-VGT/2016-S.17, dt.28.04.2018.
2. G.O.Rt.No.709, Revenue(Vig.II)Department, dated: 30.05.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.710, Revenue(Vig.II)Department, dated: 30.05.2018.
4. W.S.Ds submitted by the Charged officers.
5. G.O.Rt No. 619, Revenue(Vig.II)Department, Dt. 28.05.2019.
6. G.O.Rt No. 620, Revenue(Vig.II)Department, Dt. 28.05.2019.
7. From the CC(ST), AP, Vijayawada, Ref.No.V1/366/2018, Dt.24.07.2019.
8. Govt. Memo No.17023/35/2016-Vig.II(3), dated 30.12.2019.
9. Explanations submitted by the Charged Officers.

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ORDER:

Whereas it was brought to the notice of the Government that a Surprise Check was conducted on the Boarder Check Post, Commercial Tax Department, Pondugula, Dachepalli Mandal, Guntur District on 15.03.2016, and found certain irregularities against the staff working in the Check Post and The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted final report to the Government in the reference 1st read above and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against the thirteen (13) Charged Officers. Smt G.Manjula Rani, Commercial Tax Officer, (SO-12) and Sri M.Rambabu Deputy Commissioner, Pondugula, Dachepalli Mandal, Guntur District (S.O-13) are among the Charged Officers.

2. The Article of Charges were issued against Smt. G.Manjula Rani, CTO, (SO-12) and Sri M.Rambabu, Deputy Commissioner, Pondugula, Dachepalli Mandal, Guntur District (S.O-13) under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 vide G.O. 3rd & 2nd read above respectively.

3. The Charged Officers has submitted his Written Statement of Defence, vide reference 4th read above denying the charge and as the same is not convincing, the Government have ordered for regular inquiry into the charges framed against Smt G.Manjula Rani, Commercial Tax Officer, (SO-12) and Sri M.Rambabu, Deputy Commissioner, Podugula, Dachepalli Mandal, Guntur District (S.O-13) and appointed the Regular Inquiry Officer, vide G.O. 5th read above. Subsequently, Presenting Officer was appointed vide G.O. 6th read above.

4. The Inquiring Authority has submitted the Inquiry Report vide reference 7th read above and concluded that charges are held not proved in respect of SO-13, i.e., Sri M.Rambabu, former Deputy Commissioner, Pondugula, Dachepalli Mandal, Guntur District (now retired) and charges are held proved in respect of SO-12 i.e., Smt G.Manjula Rani, formerly Commercial Tax Officer, Piduguralla Circle and presently CTO, Narsaraopeta Circle.

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5. The Inquiry report has been communicated to the charged officers as required under rule 21(2) of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide reference 8th read above and in turn, both the Charged Officers have submitted their explanations vide reference 9th read above, requesting for dropping further action against them.

6. After examining the matter, Government have decided to drop further action against Sri M.Rambabu, Deputy Commissioner (Retd.), against whom charge is not proved, and to agree with the request of Smt. G.Manjula Rani, Commercial Tax Officer, for dropping further action, as her explanation submitted on the findings of the Inquiry Authority seems to be convincing and to warn her to be careful in future.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri M.Rambabu, Deputy Commissioner (Retd.) (CO-13) and Smt. G.Manjula Rani, Commercial Tax Officer (CO-12) from the disciplinary action initiated framed against them. And Smt. G.Manjula Rani, Commercial Tax Officer (CO-12) is warned to be more careful in future.

8. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly under intimation to the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individuals *(through The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada)*
The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administrative Block, 2nd Floor, Vijayawada.
The Joint Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Guntur.
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SECTION OFFICER